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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the claims:

Amend claims 3, 4, 6-8, 11-14, 17, 18, and 20-23 as follows.

3. (Amended) Structural protein according to [either of Claims 1 or 2] Claim 1,
characterized in that the mutation(s) is/are located at the N terminus of the structural protein.

4. (Amended) Structural protein according to [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1,
characterized in that the mutated structural protein brings about a change in the protein-cell
membrane receptor interaction.